



The Honking Goose

Loyalist Country Club Residents Association

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LOYALIST NEWS

Notes from the LCCRA Annual General Meeting:

Loyalist Estates Annual Garage Sale

Date: Saturday, June 8

Time: 8-noon

LCCRA will advertise in the local papers and put up directional signs on the day.

Canada Day Float

If anyone is interested in putting in an entry, parade information and an application form are now available at www.bathcanadaday.ca. After heading up several stellar efforts, Bruce Richardson has declined to chair another float group but is willing to share his expertise.

Editor's note: *I sit on the Bath Canada Day Committee and right now we are actively looking for Parade entries. The fun of being in the parade is in seeing all the spectators, especially the kids, dressed in red and white along the route cheering and clapping. A parade entry doesn't have to be elaborate. It could be as simple as making a sign or getting the "Having a Ball in Bath" banner, (Bruce can help with this) and walking the route with your family or neighbours.*

LCCRA Executive

Terms of office are up for a number of the current executive members and volunteers are needed to carry on. Pieter Kooiman and Bruce Richardson have stepped up. Others who are willing to help should contact Steve Bray at brays89@yahoo.ca or come to the next Executive Meeting on June 20th at 3 pm at the Clubhouse.

For the coming year LCCRA will

- Expand the Christmas Decoration program
- Work with Kaitlin to develop a plan for improving the appearance of the traffic islands and the roundabout
- Develop a questionnaire to assess community wants and needs.
- Re-establish the email community bulletin board.

2013 Telephone Directory

Congratulations to Bruce Friesen on the new format for the telephone directory. Copies are available from Harry Holzschuh (352-1054) and Steve Bray (brays89@yahoo.ca) with a paid up membership. Please pass this information on to anyone who wasn't at the meeting.

Greeter Program Update: A correction and an addition. Thank you to all our greeters for helping newcomers to feel welcome.

Abbey Dawn and Empire Court:

Abbey Dawn Drive 1-62 and Empire Court
Rosemary Webster 613-352-5752

Abbey Dawn Drive 63-109
Herbie Koch 613-352-1059

Country Club Drive and Hawley Court:

Linda and Bruce Richardson 613-352-5225
Roxanna Beddington 613-881-0107

Glenora and Kings Court:

Kathy ffolliott 613-352-8700

Townhouses:

Myrna Culver 613-352-5773

Please welcome these new residents:

On Abbey Dawn Drive

#62, Murray and Marion German
613-881-0106

#75 Scott and Louise Laurin
613-352-5545

On Kings Court

#7, Paul and Sherry Wills
613-881-0218

On Glenora Drive

21, Allen Dawson and Maureen Dawson
Maureen's cell: 416-209-6967

An Update from Ted Custance at the Loyalist New Home Sales Office

No doubt everyone has noticed significant increased activity in new home construction throughout our community. Six homes have been sold in Phase 7 on Country Club Drive North. Four inventory homes are completed or near completion, with a fifth at the framing stage.

The St. Andrews Model Home on Country Club Drive was officially opened on May 4th and participated in the Kingston Home Builders Association annual Parade of Homes. Very positive feedback was received from well over 100 visitors. There will be a **Community Open House** at 94 Country Club Drive on May 29th from 2-5pm. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to drop by.

The bungalow townhomes continue to be in strong demand. Currently there are three blocks under construction with ten of the thirteen units already sold. Work on the services for the remaining townhomes (8 blocks) will commence later this summer/fall.

The *Make a Friend a Neighbour Incentive Program* is in effect. For details contact Ted at 613-352-5151.

The Sunshine Club

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Sunshine Club fund at the LCCRA AGM. The \$10.00 collected from participating households means that we can continue to fund our program of bringing a little "cheer" to anyone hospitalized, seriously ill or recently bereaved. The last collection was made over two years ago, so it is time to replenish our coffers. If you would like to contribute to this Loyalist neighbourhood initiative, please drop off your \$10.00 to Liz Anderson, Treasurer, at 51 Abbey Dawn Drive. And please, would everyone remember that this volunteer organization needs lots of input from the residents, so if you know someone in need, please contact Liz or one of the Sunshine team (see the April 2013 issue of the Honking Goose for the list).

Liz Anderson

MILESTONES

Condolences are extended to Pat Nicholls and her family on the passing of her husband, Jim on May 6th.

On Sunday, May 19th, friends gathered at the Clubhouse to remember Karl Pustowka, another longtime resident of Abbey Dawn.

BBQ Covers Found

Three BBQ covers were found after wind storms during the winter, probably from houses at the

west end of Abbey Dawn. I have them in my garage at 83 Abbey Dawn. Please contact John Nicholl @ 613-352-5441 or jnicholl1@cogeco.ca

A World View

There are many Loyalist residents who have spent time living and working overseas. Rick Myers and Mary McWhirter, both residents of Country Club Drive are two such people. This issue will focus on Rick Myers and the July issue will highlight Mary's experiences.

Rick has had a substantial amount of experience in international policing. His most recent work has been in the world's newest nation, the Republic of South Sudan.



Q. Tell us about South Sudan: its location, governance, languages spoken, social and political challenges.

A. South Sudan became a new country on July 9, 2011. There are several local dialects. Arabic is widely spoken but English is now the official language. The country is divided into 10 states and is landlocked by Ethiopia to the east, Uganda and Kenya to the south, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Central African Republic to the east and Sudan to the north. With only one oil line route out through the Sudan, the oil flow and therefore the economy of South Sudan, is at the mercy of Sudan. This has been and continues to be, the center of considerable conflict in border areas.

There are approximately 9 million people living in South Sudan. Although many have immigrated to Europe, Britain, USA, Canada and Australia, there are a surprisingly large number who have returned to help the country after finishing their education abroad.

The past war is very much on the minds of all South Sudanese. Daily conversations and political speeches will always center on the war, the loss of life, personal hardships and ultimately the need to prepare to fight again. The everyday activities reflect a very military structure and attitude to working. Generally speaking, both the police and the military have minimal respect for civil rights or community engagement, although I have seen some positive changes in this area.

Inter-tribal conflict is a continual threat to the country's stability with Jonglei State being the most volatile. Cattle ownership is seen as a form of currency and a status ranking and therefore is at the root of almost all major crimes, from murder to abduction to cattle raiding.

There are two seasons here, very wet and hot and very dry and hot. I am not sure which one I prefer. The good thing about the very wet and hot season is that the rain is warm and when the sun comes out your clothes dry off very quickly therefore it saves on the laundry bill!

Q. How long have you been working in South Sudan? What is your official title and what are your primary responsibilities?

A. I began working in South Sudan one week after their independence. I work as a Senior State Policing Advisor with the Access to Justice Program and spend my time in Jonglei State near Bor. I am responsible for developing and implementing capacity building initiatives within the South Sudan National Police, such as command and control structures, community policing programs, setting up specialized units such as Special Protection Units for Vulnerable Persons especially women and children and delivering training programs. It is very much a "hands on" approach as the police have little logistical support or basic policing skills. So whatever I do, I have to ensure that the basics are there: transportation, food, pens, paper, and just about everything else.

Q. Looking back on your time in South Sudan, what have been your best moments?

A. This is the hardest question to answer. There are many difficult times sprinkled with moments of pure delight. If I had to pick one or two, I would say it is those moments when you see a group of police officers or children or a community who realize they have achieved a goal they thought was unattainable. There is always the expression of pride followed by an expression of genuine gratitude for what you have done or helped them do.

For the police, it is often about having instilled a degree of confidence and knowledge in their ability to perform their police duties. For the children, it is about having a classroom or a desk or even a chair to sit on which opens that door for learning. With the communities, it is about understanding the process of being able to solve local problems without conflict.

But I guess the best moment was when I realized that the people I work with, and share my day to day life with in South Sudan, have actually given me their trust and confidence and allowed me to come into their lives and help them in the first place.

To learn more about South Sudan go to <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Editor's Note: Other Loyalist residents who have worked or travelled overseas are invited to share their experiences in future issues of the Goose.

Meeting a Challenge



Over the last fifteen years a group of Loyalist women have met regularly to socialize and work on a variety of projects. Their most recent accomplishment was responding to a challenge from one of their own to make 100 items for the Lennox and Addington General Hospital in Napanee. In the past year they have completed hats for cancer patients, dolls for children coming into the Emergency Department and a number of lap blankets. Congratulations Ladies - you know who you are!

Fairways Book Club

Our next, and final meeting until September, will be at the clubhouse (Members Lounge) at 2 PM on June 10. The book for discussion will be "The Imposter Bride", by Nancy Richler. Joyce Friesen will be our facilitator. Don't forget your loonie for literacy.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Bath Gardening Club: An outing to the Montreal Botanical Gardens

The Gardening Club would like to invite all garden lovers in our community, their family and friends, to join us on this splendid day trip. All you have to do is phone McCoy at 613 384 0012 and book under our private tour "BATH GARDENING CLUB" The tickets are \$75:00 which includes transportation and the entrance fee.

Trip Details

- Date: Monday, August 19th 2013
- Transportation: McCoy Bus Tours
- Pick-up in Bath at St. John's Memorial Church Hall. Check-in at 7:15 am, departure at 7:30 am. There will be one comfort stop.
- Approximate arrival is 11:45 at the Botanical Gardens in Montreal. Lunch on site.
- Depart for Bath at 5 pm. There will be one comfort stop. You bring your own picnic with drink or you can order a picnic with soft drink from the Breaking Bread Bistro in Bath. The price is \$11:50. BUT pick it up the day before. There will be a cooler on board the bus.
- Approximate return time to Bath is 9:30 pm.

Bath Community Revitalization Committee

Given the great sense of community pride that took place last year, the Bath Community Revitalization Committee (BCRC) will hold another **property decorating contest** to celebrate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. Application forms will be available at Heritage Point Gifts and Antiques as of June 8th, 2013. Properties must be ready to be judged no later than noon on Saturday, June 29th.

An award will be presented to both the residential and the business property owner who best depicts a red, white and blue theme. Entries that pick up on the Canada Day theme of "marine heritage" will gain extra points in the judging. The winners will be presented with their awards on Canada Day at the Official Ceremonies at 2:30 pm in Centennial Park.

Bath Canada Day 2013

Canada Day celebrations start on Friday, June 28 with the Charity BBQ at the Royal Bank from 11-2pm. On Sunday the 30th, the Children's Pet Show and Contest and the Children's Bike Decorating Contest will take place at 1 and 3:30 pm respectively in Centennial Park. This is fun to watch regardless of whether you have children (or grandchildren) participating. For details contact Dave Stewart at 613-352-7890

Also on Sunday, June 30th, an Ecumenical Service is being held at St. John's Hall at 4:30 pm. Bishop Michael Oulton will be the guest speaker. All are welcome.

Check out the complete schedule of events at www.bathcanadaday.

Canadian Cancer Society

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, thank you to all for your generous donations during our April door to door canvass campaign. Our community raised over \$4,100.00. Congratulations! Special thanks to Bill, Bonnie, Jack, Jean, Jill, Liz, Sally, Sandra and Shirley for your time, hard work and dedication to this worthy cause.

Marnie Brough

GOLF

The 4th Annual Abbey Dawn Classic takes place on June 17th. Tee times start at 10am. Only residents of Abbey Dawn are eligible to play golf or come to dinner. Call Jo Ann Knol at 613-352-5591 or Darlene Boucher at 613-352-5845

Residents of Country Club Drive need to circle Wednesday, July 10th for the **8th Annual Country Club Drive Fun Golf Day and Dinner**. Details will follow.

Tuesday Night 9 and Wine

The Tuesday Night Nine and Wine group, under the direction of Pauline Johnston, presented the Spring Charity Fashion Show and Luncheon on Tuesday, May 14th at the Clubhouse. Kristine Van Allen of KVA Collections outfitted the models and donated 10% of her sales to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. In all just under \$2,000.00 was raised.

Marie Wells spoke to her personal experience with MS and the vital role that the MS Society plays for research and education. Thanks to all who supported this worthwhile endeavour.



Editor's Note: The next issue of the Goose will be distributed on or about July 18th. Please forward your information by July 7th to pdnolting@gmail.com